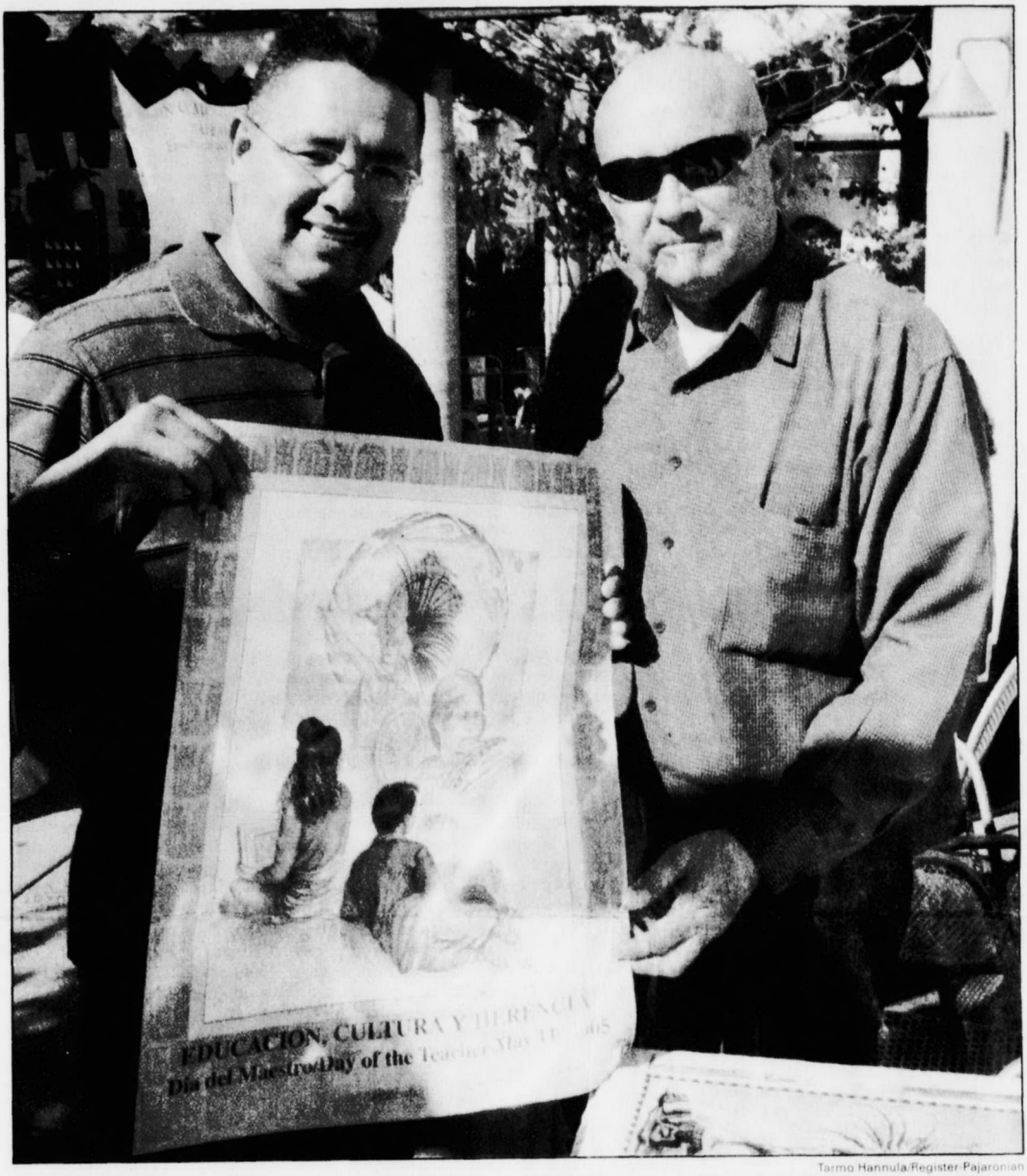
Day of the Teacher celebrated



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Watsonville City Council member Ramon Gomez (left) picks up a signed poster from artist Yermo Aranda on Wednesday during a Day of the Teacher celebration at El Alteño restaurant in downtown Watsonville.

Local muralist Aranda's poster to be distributed statewide

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In honor of the Day of the Teacher, the Association of Mexican American Educators and the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers held a celebration Wednesday.

Local muralist Guillermo Aranda unveiled this year's poster, a colorful representation of education and history.

"It's really important for us to know our heritage. This deals with education in today's society and looking back at history," Aranda said of the poster.

Aranda's poster will be distributed throughout the state in honor of Day of the Teacher.

Aranda is currently working on mural projects at several local schools, including a piece for the quad of Pajaro Valley Middle School, which will be completed in August.

Day of the Teacher was introduced into state law in 1982. It is traditionally celebrated in Mexico and Latin America. At its bimonthly meeting, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to recognize the date.

Apart from AMAE celebrations, the day was also marked by demonstrations in Salinas at the new California Highway Patrol offices and in Salinas' Central Park.